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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: I (1) (A) RESEARCH SCHOLAR AUREL

BALINT

FOLLOWING FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION ONLY WITH NO ACTION TO
BE TAKEN BY IT:

1. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN MID-JULY INFORMED CIEP AUREL
BALINT, 1972/73 I (1) (A) SCHOLAR, HAS APPARENTLY DROPPED
OUT OF SIGHT. BALINT TOLD FACULTY ADVISER PRIOR COMPLETION
STUDIES HE MOVING IN WITH FRIEND, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS
NOT GIVEN.

2. BALINT WAS SCHEDULED DEPART NEW YORK JULY 5. SOME DAYS
AFTERWARD, HIS LUGGAGE LEFT IN COLUMBIA OFFICE OF ADVISER
WHO IGNORANT OF HOW BAGS GOT THERE. IT PRESUMED BALINT
HAD DEPARTED WITHOUT BAGS, WHICH STRANGE ITSELF.

3. FEARING FOUL PLAY, COLUMBIA EVENTUALLY INFORMED NEW
YORK CITY POLICE, WHO AS OF JULY 30 HAD NOT REPORTED TO
UNIVERSITY RESULT THEIR ACTION.

4. SES HAS ASKED INS CHECK DEPARTURE DATA ASCERTAIN ANY
RECORD BALINT DEPARTURE O/A JULY 5. INS ON JULY 31 SAID
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NO RECORD FOUND YET BUT THAT NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE

SINCE MORE TIME REQUIRED FOR RECORDS BE RECEIVED. IT WILL
ADVISE EVENTUALLY.

5. PRESUMPTION SEEMS STRONG BALINT HAS ELECTED REMAIN
IN U.S. AND NOT RETURN ROMANIA.

6. ROMANIAN EMBASSY HAS NOT RAISED MATTER AND PROBABLY
WILL NOT, EVEN IF IT AWARE OF THIS SITUATION. ROGERS

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